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SUBJECT: NORWAY AND USSR AGREE ON 1977 FISHING QUOTAS FOR 1977

1. ON JUNE 17 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN THE JOINT NORWEGIAN/SOVIET FISHERIES COMMISSION ON DIVISION BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE USSR OF FISHING QUOTAS FOR 1977 ALLOCATED TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE BARENTS SEA, I.E., HOW MUCH OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL QUOTAS FOR VARIOUS FISH SPECIES WHICH NORWAY AND THE USSR HAD SET ASIDE FOR THIRD COUNTRIES NORWAY COULD OFFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BE TAKEN WITHIN NORWAY'S 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND HOW MUCH OF THESE QUOTAS THE USSR COULD OFFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BE TAKEN WITHIN THE USSR'S 200-MILE ZONE.

2. DIVISION OF THE QUOTA FOR THIRD COUNTRIES OF ARCTIC COD IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE. OF THE 120,000 UNCLASSIFIED

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TONS OF ARCTIC COD ALLOCATED TO THIRD COUNTRIES, NORWAY WAS GIVEN THE RIGHT TO ALLOCATE 60,000 TONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIETS 35,000 TONS. IN ADDITION EACH COUNTRY COULD OFFER A TOTAL OF 12,000 TONS OF COD, OR 25,000 TONS ALTOGETHER, TO BE CAUGHT IN THE "GRAY ZONE" IN THE UNDELIMITED BARENTS SEA BOUNDARY AREA. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED GIVING THE USSR THE RIGHT TO TAKE 80,000 TONS OF ITS OWN 350,000 ARCTIC COD QUOTA IN NORWAY

ECONOMIC ZONE AND NORWAY THE RIGHT TO TAKE 30,000 TONS OF ITS OWN 350,000 ARCTIC COD QUOTA IN THE SOVIET ECONOMIC ZONE. (BOTH NORWAY AND THE USSR CAN FISH FREELY WITHIN THEIR 350,000 TON QUOTAS IN THE "GRAY ZONE.")

3. DIVISION OF THE 20,000 TON THIRD COUNTRY QUOTA FOR HADDOCK PROVIDED THAT NORWAY COULD OFFER 10,000 TONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION 6,000 TONS. IN ADDITION EACH COUNTRY COULD OFFER THIRD COUNTRIES A TOTAL OF 2,000 TONS, OR 4,000 TONS ALTOGETHER , TO BE CAUGHT IN THE "GRAY ZONE" IN THE UNDELIMITED BARENTS SEA BOUNDARY AREA.

4. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ALLOWING THE USSR TO TAKE 50,000 TONS OF COAL FISH IN THE NORTH SEA (SOUTH OF 62 DEGREES), A REDUCTION OF 17,000 TONS COMPARED WITH 1975.

5. FINALLY, NORWAY INCREASED THE PRELIMINARY QUOTA FOR RED FISH NORTH OF 62 DEGREES IT HAD GIVEN THE USSR FOR 1977 BY 10,000 TONS TO 95,000 TONS.
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